

# GEORGIA COMPOSITE STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

## MEDICAL BOARD NEWSLETTER

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### MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Thank you for taking the time to read this issue of the Medical Board's Newsletter, which will update you on the Board's business since our last issue in April 2006. The Board has been busy during the past few months writing rules as required by last year's legislation establishing prescriptive authority for advance practice nurses. This has been an involved process and after reviewing public comments on this important issue, the Board recently proposed a new draft of these rules, which are available on our website. The practice of medicine is constantly changing, which requires the Board to review and update the rules that constitute the practice of medicine.

The Board has been working very diligently over the past year to formulate rules and regulations concerning lasers and APRN protocols and prescribing rights. The Board takes these matters very seriously and wants to protect the rights of our licensee as well as the impact these issues may have on the delivery of quality medicine to the citizens of the state of Georgia. In that light the Board is proposing changes to its current rules to address the use of lasers, botox, colonics and other treatments, which are being provided by non-licensed individuals. The Board will be conducting public hearings to gather information that will assist in formulating these rules. If you are not on our Rule Change Mailing List, please contact the Board office to have your name added by e-mail at [medbd@dch.ga.gov](mailto:medbd@dch.ga.gov), or by phone at 404-656-3913.

The Board is also working on a major rewrite of the Medical Practice Act (O.C.G.A. 43-34). You will receive information on our progress later this year. The Board and its staff strive to bring outstanding customer service to everyone, if you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact LaSharn Hughes, Executive Director, by email at [medbd@dch.ga.gov](mailto:medbd@dch.ga.gov), or by phone at 404-656-3913.

### BOARD MEMBER NEWS

The Board thanks Roger E. Hill, DO for his faithful service to the Board. Dr. Hill has a busy practice in Marietta and recently resigned from the Board to work with medical missions. We wish Dr. Hill success with his future endeavors.

William A. Woolery, DO, Ph.D. was elected to the Editorial Committee of the Federation of State Medical Boards. Dr. Woolery has been a member of the Georgia Medical Board for the past seven years. He practices geriatric and family medicine in Warner Robins, Georgia.

### KEEPING YOUR ADDRESS UP-TO-DATE

The Board is required by law to provide your name, practice location, license number and issue and expiration date to the public. It is imperative that you keep your address up-to-date with the Board. Please send any change of addresses to Carol Dorsey at [cdorsey@dch.ga.gov](mailto:cdorsey@dch.ga.gov). As always, please keep a copy of your message for your records. You should also be aware that your address is public information and is displayed on the Board's website. It is a good idea to only display your practice address instead of your home address. You may wish to confirm that your practice location address shown on our website is correct.

### BIRTH MONTH LICENSE RENEWAL INFORMATION

At this time you should be aware that your license will expire at the end of your birth month. In the future you will receive your renewal notice 60-days prior to the expiration of your license. You will have until the end of your birth month to renew. Anyone renewing **after** your birth month will be subject to a late fee until 90-days after expiration. After the 90-day grace period, your license will be **revoked** for failure to renew.

### 2007 BOARD MEETINGS

*March 1-2*

*April 12-13*

*May 10-11*

*June 7-8*

*July 12-13*

*August 2-3*

*September 13-14*

*October 4-5*

*November 1-2*

*December 6-7*

### ACTIVE LICENSEES

Physicians	27,396
Physician's Assistants	2573
Respiratory Care Professionals	4388
Acupuncturists	161
Perfusionists	108
Volunteers in Medicine	28
Institutional Physicians	3
Provisional Physicians	4
Resident Physicians	1456
Orthotists	21
Prosthetists	12
Orthotists & Prosthetists	29



The Board adopted the following rules which have an effective date of November 5, 2006:

**Rule 360-4-.10 "Notice of Inability to Practice with Reasonable Skill and Safety."** The purpose of this rule is to require licensed clinical perfusionists and provisional licensed clinical perfusionists who become unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety to so notify the Georgia Board.

**360-5-.09 "Notice of Inability to Practice with Reasonable Skill and Safety."** The purpose of this rule is to require physician's assistants who become unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety to so notify the Georgia Board.

**Rule 360-13-14 "Notice of Inability to Practice with Reasonable Skill and Safety."** The purpose of this rule is to require licensed respiratory care professionals who become unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety to so notify the Georgia Board.

**Rule 360-13-15 "Changes in Medical Directors"** This rule requires that respiratory care professionals notify the Georgia Board immediately by certified mail of termination of medical director/respiratory care professional relationship and to notify the Georgia Board immediately of a change in medical directors.

### **Additional Board Rule Updates**

**Laser Rule Update:** After a public hearing the Board is still revising its latest draft of the laser rules.

**Nurse Protocol Rule Update:** The Board adopted the nurse protocol rules at the December 8, 2006 meeting. The rules were effective January 1, 2007. You can visit our website at [www.medicalboard.georgia.gov](http://www.medicalboard.georgia.gov) to download the application materials. A revision to the December 8 posting is now available on our website.

*If you are not on the rule change mailing list and would like to be, please email your name and address to Diane Atkinson at [matkinson@dch.ga.gov](mailto:matkinson@dch.ga.gov).*

### **Drug Therapy Management; Modifications by Pharmacist**

**William A. Woolery, DO, PhD, Board Member**

43-34-26.2—Did you know that under Georgia law you can delegate authority to modify drug therapy as part of drug management to a pharmacist who meets the requirements in Code Section 26-4-50? Delegation of this authority shall only be made pursuant to the physician's diagnosis, written order and a drug therapy protocol.

A drug therapy protocol may authorize a pharmacist to dispense a specific drug contained in the protocol as an alternative drug which is not pharmaceutically and therapeutically equivalent to the patient's initial prescription drug order and shall be deemed to be the physician's separate & distinct prescription drug order.

Each written protocol must provide: 1) the identity of the pharmacist; 2) the physician's diagnosis; 3) the identity of each patient for whom the physician has delegated the authority to modify drug therapy; 4) parameters for modification; 5) types and categories of medication as well as maximum and minimum dosage levels; 6) stipulate that each such patient must be notified that the pharmacist is authorized to modify drug therapy pursuant to the physician-pharmacist protocol. The physician must be available for consultation, assistance or direction, and each protocol is valid for only 2 years.

You may find this delegatory authority helpful in selected drug management issues with selected patients.

### **Unlicensed Practices of Colonic Irrigation and Laser Therapy**

There has been a growing concern regarding the unlicensed practices of colonic irrigation and laser therapy, and the fact that these devices being used are FDA Class II devices that require a prescription by an appropriate licensed practitioner. Apparently, the forms used to sign for the device can be obtained from the operator or the company from which it was purchased. Please be advised that if a physician **signs** for a Class II device and **does not supervise** its use, he or she may be aiding in the unlicensed practice of medicine.

### **Botox Injections for Cosmetics**

Only physicians and mid-level practitioners under an approved protocol or job description can perform Botox injections for cosmetics.

## WORKSHOP INFORMATION

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### **SAVE THE DATE!**

### **2007 Building Successful Teams**

*Child Abuse, Injury and Fatality:*

*Investigation, Prosecution & Prevention Conference:*

**April 3-5, 2007**

**Waverly Hotel, Atlanta**

**Sponsored by:**

Georgia Department of Human Resources  
Georgia Bureau of Investigation  
Georgia Child Fatality Review Panel  
Office of the Child  
The Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia

**Workshop topics will include:**

Discussions of the Jessica Lunsford case by the "Florida Boys", California DA's discussing the Laci Peterson case, **Workshop sessions on Shaken Baby Syndrome and current issues surrounding its diagnosis and prosecution**, Internet crimes against children, child sexual abuse, neglect, crime scene reconstruction, and many more excellent workshops.

***Registration is required: No on-site registration will be accepted.***

***Registration will be available on-line beginning***

***February 7, 2007 - March 23, 2007.***

**The conference registration website is:**

**<http://www2.state.ga.us/departments/dhr/ohrmd/Training/conferences.html>**

**There is no registration fee for this conference for residents of Georgia.**

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## **PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT BASIC JOB DESCRIPTION UPDATE**

The Board staff offers its thanks for your assistance and patience during the update to our physician's assistant files. This information is now on our website, which should help the physician, the physician's assistant and the public with status information. When you use the Board's search at [www.medicalboard.georgia.gov](http://www.medicalboard.georgia.gov) you can see the PA's approval letter, and job description which includes the primary supervisor and alternate supervisors. Please double check to ensure that you have submitted your updated Basic Job Descriptions for your PA's. A reminder notice will be sent to those PA's, who to date, have not provided the updated information.

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## **PHYSICIAN PROFILE INFORMATION**

The Patient Right to Know Act of 2001 (HB 156) requires licensed physicians in the State of Georgia to have a physician profile. Also, physicians must notify the Georgia Board within ten days to reflect malpractice settlements, hospital privilege restrictions, felony convictions or required disciplinary actions by the Georgia Medical Board or another state medical board.

**PHYSICIAN/PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT BOARD ACTIONS – JANUARY 1, 2006—DECEMBER 31, 2006**

The following is a report of public disciplinary actions taken by the Board since the last newsletter. These cases have been investigated and are now part of the public record. Although every effort is made to ensure that the information is correct, you should check with the Board to assure accuracy. The Board may include several provisions in an order, which are not summarized in this report. You may obtain a copy of the public order from our website or by written request to the Board office.

<b>DATE</b>	<b>DISCIPLINE TAKEN</b>	<b>LICENSE #</b>	<b>NAME</b>
1/23/2006	CME	35507	RHYMER-ANDERSON, DOLORES A
3/3/2006	CME	33939	BRAR, HARINDER SINGH
1/12/2006	Fine	11077	TAYLOR, JAMES WITMER
1/12/2006	Fine	32990	SILVERSTEIN, JUDITH LILA
1/12/2006	Fine	14807	GOLDMAN, GILBERT CHARLES
1/12/2006	Fine	27080	LEVINE, DAVID JONATHON
3/3/2006	Fine	12848	NASSAR, GABRIEL FERES
3/3/2006	Fine	14914	GRIFFIN, EDMOND IRVIN
3/3/2006	Fine	27575	JACKSON, KEITH RICHARD
4/6/2006	Fine	37398	TANNER, CHRISTOPHER DAVID
5/5/2006	Fine	49289	DOE, NATHANIEL SEAH
5/5/2006	Fine	44984	PATULA, PAULA JEAN
5/5/2006	Fine	44475	GUERGUES, YOUSSEF WADIE
5/5/2006	Fine	3971	SINGH, SHARNJEET KAUR
5/5/2006	Fine	27947	WILSON, WALTER STEVEN
6/9/2006	Fine	26097	DIAZ, JIMMY
6/23/2006	Fine	28038	MACHESKI, WILLIAM
6/27/2006	Fine	23291	HALL, KEITH BARTON
6/30/2006	Fine	36504	BOSWELL, SARAH ELIZABETH BOWDEN
7/14/2006	Fine	12488	HILL, THOMAS GLENN III
7/14/2006	Fine	49818	STARR, MARK
7/14/2006	Fine	14465	BROUN, PAUL COLLINS JR
7/14/2006	Fine	43293	TILLMAN, DAVID ARNOLD
8/4/2006	Fine	25380	PENNINGTON, CHARLES ROYCE
8/4/2006	Fine	41837	HOWARD-MCGRADY, FELICIA KANAZ
8/4/2006	Fine	13024	DAWSON, HARRY EUGENE JR
9/15/2006	Fine	20708	GARNER, STEVEN RALPH
9/15/2006	Fine	25907	SILVA, ENRIQUE MANUEL
9/15/2006	Fine	49262	WORMUTH, THOMAS MICHAEL
12/7/2006	Fine	40430	JORDAN, STEVE ERLING
12/7/2006	Fine	19729	MARSH, ROBERT WILLIAM

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DATE	DISCIPLINE TAKEN	LICENSE #	NAME
1/23/2006	Probation	39961	TEEL, GREGORY TYRONE
1/23/2006	Probation	51294	BARANWAL, AKHIL
3/3/2006	Probation	41945	SCHOOLCRAFT, BRUCE REX
5/5/2006	Probation	34854	HULL, ROBERT JOSEPH
5/5/2006	Probation	12470	GOLIGHTLY, DANIEL PAUL JR
5/5/2006	Probation	30283	CARSWELL, CHRISTOPHER DREW
6/9/2006	Probation	42034	COX, JASON NOLEN
6/9/2006	Probation	33780	MOORE, EFRIM CASSIUS
7/14/2006	Probation	22247	LUKE, CLAUDE MICHAEL
8/4/2006	Probation	38651	WILLIAMS, NORMAN FRANKLIN
8/4/2006	Probation	58426	MARTONE, ARLENE RAE
8/15/2006	Probation	43503	WAGNER, ROBERT JAY
9/15/2006	Probation	44381	WILLIAMS, KENNETH R JR
9/15/2006	Probation	20219	HUDSON, JAMES HURN JR
9/15/2006	Probation	17340	WHEATLEY, JOSEPH KEVIN
10/5/2006	Probation	28428	LAWRENCE, GEORGE CALVIN JR
11/3/2006	Probation	57914	CLINKSCALES, NORMAN BULL
12/7/2006	Probation	31391	MOYENDA, KAMAU
1/12/2006	Suspension	54051	ROTH, DAVID SAMUEL
5/23/2006	Suspension	52601	MOLIS, EDMUND
5/24/2006	Suspension	22277	SMITH, LARRY EVERETT
6/9/2006	Suspension	44200	DILWORTH, WARREN KENYATTA
6/23/2006	Suspension	39063	CARTER, MICHAEL NEAL
6/27/2006	Suspension	51763	GORDON, JULIAN BENJAMIN
6/30/2006	Suspension	36457	SINCLAIR, JAMES STANLEY
7/10/2006	Suspension	38719	CRAWFORD, EDWARD COLEMAN
7/14/2006	Suspension	31047	KHAN, RUBAB FATIMA
9/15/2006	Suspension	31337	TAPLEY, BENSON WAYNE
11/9/2006	Suspension	50143	CHUA, NOEL NATIVIDAD

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DATE	DISCIPLINE TAKEN	LICENSE #	NAME
9/15/2006	Voluntary Surrender	32722	DUNN, TERENCE SEAN
10/6/2006	Voluntary Surrender	37633	OBOT, ETIOWO ARCHIBONG
10/26/2006	Voluntary Surrender	37189	SANDERS, LISA MARIE
11/2/2006	Voluntary Surrender	38821	JUNCO, ANTHONY JR
11/2/2006	Voluntary Surrender	46349	ANDERSON, ROBERT MICHAEL

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DATE	DISCIPLINE TAKEN	LICENSE #	NAME
1/23/2006	Public Fine	2517	ROSING, BARBRA SEIDMAN
1/23/2006	Public Fine	3909	MELTON, NATHINA SCARLETT
6/9/2006	Public Fine	2261	FANCHER, BETTY JO LYNN
12/7/2006	Public Fine	3371	BRONAUGH, DAVID NEIL
2/2/2006	Public Reprimand	2923	LOWE, KRISTINA ANN
2/2/2006	Public Reprimand	2466	MOSZCZYNSKI, LORA ANN
7/14/2006	Suspension	3444	HOWELL, EVAN C
8/15/2006	Suspension	3566	LAUGHERTY, ROBERT IRICK
6/9/2006	Probation	3252	KELDAHL, WILLIAM J
10/10/2006	Probation	3196	BUTLER, WANDLE KEITH

## DID YOU KNOW?

- \* The Medical Board licenses and regulates over 36,000 health care professionals.
- \* That you must have a chaperone present when conducting a physical examination of the breasts and/or genitalia of a patient of the opposite sex.
- \* The Board receives over 1,500 complaints on average a year.
- \* The Board licenses over 2,500 health care professionals a year.
- \* It is illegal to have pre-signed prescription pads in your office. Prescriptions must be signed and dated when issued to the patient.
- \* The Board does not handle fee disputes.
- \* Unprofessional conduct shall include, but not be limited to the following:
  - Prescribing controlled substances for a known or suspected habitual drug abuser or other substance abuser in the absence of substantial justification.
  - Writing prescriptions for controlled substances for personal use or, except for documented emergencies, for immediate family members. For purposes of this rule, "immediate family members" include spouses, children, siblings, and parents.
  - Failing to maintain appropriate patient records whenever Schedule II, III, IV or V controlled substances are prescribed. Appropriate records, at a minimum, shall contain the following:
    - (a) The patient's name and address;
    - (b) The date, drug name, drug quantity, and patient's diagnosis necessitating the Schedule II, III, IV, or V controlled substances prescription; and
    - (c) Records concerning the patient's history.
  - Committing any act of sexual intimacy, abuse, misconduct, or exploitation of any individual related to the physician's practice of medicine regardless of consent. The rule shall apply to former patients where the licensee did not terminate in writing the physician patient relationship before engaging in a romantic or sexual relationship with the patient and/or where the licensee used or exploited the trust, knowledge, emotions or influence derived from the prior professional relationship. The Board will consider the physician- patient relationship terminated if the physician has not evaluated or treated the patient for a period of at least two (2) years.
  - (11) Failing to timely respond to an investigative subpoena issued by the Board.
  - (12) Conducting a physical examination of the breast and/or genitalia of a patient of the opposite sex without a chaperone present.
  - (13) Practicing medicine while mentally, physically, or chemically impaired.

## BOARD CONTACT INFORMATION

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Copies of Board Orders

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Complaints.....(404) 463-8903

Physician Licensure

A – H.....(404) 463-6162

I – P.....(404) 657-6491

Q – Z..... (404) 656-7067

PA Licensure..... (404) 657-6495

RCP/Perfusionist/Acup./O&P...(404) 463-2292

Profile User ID/Pin Number.....(404) 651-7854

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**National Provider Identifier (NPI) Information**

**As of February 9, 2007**

**Only 102 more days until the National  
Provider Identifier (NPI) compliance  
date!**

**Do you have your NPI?**

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**Purpose:** The *Composite State Board of Medical Examiners* is the state agency that licenses physicians, physician's assistants, respiratory care professionals, perfusionists, acupuncturists, orthotists, prosthetists and auricular (ear) detoxification specialists. The Medical Board also investigates complaints and disciplines those who violate *The Medical Practice Act* or other laws governing the professional behavior of its licensees and unlicensed practice.

**Mission Statement:** The mission of the *Composite State Board of Medical Examiners* is to protect the health of Georgians through the proper licensing of physicians and certain members of the healing arts and through the objective enforcement of the *Medical Practice Act*.

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